

Amendments to House Bill No. 2
Committee Study Bill Copy

Requested By Representative Tony Belcourt

For the House Appropriations Committee

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1. Page B-3, line 17.

Strike: "30,753,052 29,499,449" [state special fund FY 12 FY 13]

Insert: "31,600,597 31,767,449" [state special fund FY 12 FY 13]

2. Page B-3

Strike: line 18 through line 19

3. Page B-4.

Strike: line 5 through line 6

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Explanation - This amendment provides additional state special revenues from the cigarette taxes to the Montana Veterans' Home in Columbia Falls and eliminates the restricted biennial appropriation for termination costs associated with changing the business model of the MVH from a state operated facility to a privately contracted facility. The reinstatement of funds eliminates the requirement that the facility operate at the average cost of private facilities with comparable bed capacity and ratings for quality as determined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

The amendment increases state special revenues supporting the MVH by \$847,545 in FY 2012 and \$2,268,000 in FY 2013 and removes a restricted biennial appropriation of \$1,382,801 for a net increase of \$1,732,744 in state special revenue support.

The amendment also removes the language restriction associated with the elimination of the restricted biennial appropriation for the Montana Veterans' Home. The biennial appropriation provides for termination costs associated with privatizing the facility in FY 2013.